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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Piero Patrone BONNISSONE et al. ) Group Art Unit 3693  
 ) Confirmation No. 5127  
Serial No. 10/781,871 )  
 ) Examiner James A. Vezaris  
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MULTI-OBJECTIVE PORTFOLIO  
ANALYSIS AND DECISION-MAKING USING VISUALIZATION  
TECHNIQUES

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**AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.130**

Applicant provides this Affidavit in response to the final Office action dated February 19, 2009 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant states that the above-identified patent application and the Chakraborty reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to General Electric Company. In addition, Applicant hereby states, *inter alia*, that at least one inventor named in the above-identified patent application is a prior inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104. Further, a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) is also filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, Applicant disqualifies commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0186804 to Chakraborty et al. as prior art under 37 C.F.R. §1.130.

By signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and or patents issued thereon.

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